



BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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Minutes of Regular Meeting
Shrewsbury Shade Tree Commission (STC)
September 13, 2014
Municipal Hall, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey

Present

Bill Gerth, Chairperson
Doug Keiper
Stuart Minis
Ellen Preissler
Mary Russell
Betsy Wattley

Absent

Mike De Nofa (Council Liaison)*
Steve Skop
Patrick Slattery

*Non-voting member

Chairman Gerth began the meeting at 8:30 a.m. by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and reading the Presiding Officer's statement in compliance with the P. L. 1975 c. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act. Mr. Gerth took roll call.

I. POSTING OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

August's meeting minutes have been posted to the Borough's web-site.

II. CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Mr. Gerth announced the following education opportunities to STC members:
- Rumson Shade Tree Commission is hosting at lecture on Sept. 30 at 6:30 pm at Bingham Hall Rumson on 'Deer in the Suburban Environment'.
 - NJ Division of Forestry Lectures: 495 Don Connor Blvd, Jackson, NJ, 7-8:30 pm
 - October 9 - Tree Selection, Planting and Care
 - November 13 - Backyard Farming - Maple Surgery
- B. Mr. Gerth reported that the Emerald Ash Borer has been confirmed in Burlington County
- C. Mr. Gerth reported receiving/responding to the following resident/business inquiries:
- R. Mounayer (15 Winding Way) - Crimson Kings planted by STC last year appear distressed. Leaf scorch diagnosed. Set up gator bags and applied kepl concentrate. Advised resident to fill gator bags with water every other week.
 - B. Wattley (STC) - distressed/dying Sugar Maple near Community Garden. STC to replace with similar tree.

- D. Burden (Mayor) - distressed/dying Zelkova at Municipal Complex. STC to advise Mayor that tree may not be dead: buds present, cambium appears healthy and to wait until next year before taking action.
 - T. Gallo (22 Trafalgar) - lightning strike on Ash tree. Extent of damage suggest tree is unlikely to survive.
 - K. Kane (Aspen Tree Service) - requested permission to trim trees along power lines on White Road. Permission granted by Mr. Gerth.
 - L. Royce (29 Silverbrook) - revisited post STC meeting in August to warn against fungal rot at base of tree. Resident decided to have tree taken down.
 - T. Cannizzaro (25 Maple Ln) - concerned about tree near power line. DPW indicated residence is on a private road and not in right-of-way. Mr. Gerth contacted Mr. Kane (Aspen Tree Service) to ask them to check tree on behalf of utility company.
 - K. Carroll (173 White Street) - concerned about tree on Sickles side of property near power line. Mr. Gerth contacted Mr. Kane to ask them to check tree on behalf of utility company. Resident also contacted JCP&L.
- D.** Mr. Gerth announced that STC would visit LP Statile tree nursery immediately after the meeting.

III. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. NJ Shade Tree Federation Meeting - October 24 & 25** - Mr. Gerth indicated he would attend both days; Ms. Wattley and Mr. Keiper indicated they would attend Saturday; and Mr. De Nofa indicate he would attend CORE training if possible.
- B. Shrewsbury Community Day (October 18) Planning** - Mrs. Preissler will develop activity for STC table.
- C. Newsletter Article** - STC thanked Mr. Slattery for article on end-of-season clean-up for the October issue of the Shrewsbury Community Newsletter.
- D. Shrewsbury Borough Tree Ordinances Review** - STC reviewed tree related ordinances related to 'Violations and Penalties'. Ms. Russell facilitated this review.

IV. CFMP STATUS, IMPLEMENTATION, & UPDATES: No updates

V. PLANNING/ZONING BOARD: No plans to review

VI. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: No public comment

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Wattley made a motion to adjourn meeting. Mr. Minis seconded the motion.

VIII. NEXT MEETING - Saturday, October 11, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

Bill Gerth, Chairperson